

January 22, 1919.

Minutes of the Third and Adjourned Twentieth Regular Monthly Session of the State Highway Commission held at the State Office Building with the following members present:

Curtis Hancock, Chairman
 C. S. Fowler, Commissioner of Registration
 R. M. Hubbard, Commissioner of Construction
 George A. Duren, State Highway Engineer
 J. D. Fauntleroy, U. S. District Engineer

The following business was transacted:

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of BELL County for additional State Aid on Highway Number Two from county line to county line be granted in the sum of \$2097.79 out of State Aid, making the sum total of State Aid \$16,281.12. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of ERATH County for Federal Aid on Highway Number Ten, beginning at the east county line, thence to the east boundary line of Road District Number Two, be granted not to exceed the sum of \$100,000, and not to exceed fifty per cent of the contract, out of any funds that might hereafter be granted by Congress of the United States, conditioned that the Commission shall have said sum available out of any further apportionments from the Congress of the United States. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the following resolution be passed:

"WHEREAS, TARRANT County is now proposing a county-wide bond issue in the sum of not less than One and a Half Million Dollars for the purpose of building a system of highways for the entire county in connection with the Aid that has heretofore been granted by the State Highway Commission in the sum of \$60,851.45, to be expended on state designated highways; and

"WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission is desirous of encouraging the further building of hard-surfaced roads on said state designated highways in said Tarrant County;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Highway Commission that in consideration of the voters of Tarrant County authorizing the issuance of a county bond issue in the sum of not less than One and a Half Million Dollars, the State Highway Commission allots and grants to Tarrant County additional Federal Aid of not less than \$139,148.55, making the sum total granted out of Federal Aid \$200,000, conditioned, however, upon the Congress of the United States making available further Federal Aid as now proposed in measures pending in Congress". Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the following resolution be passed:

"WHEREAS, NUECES County is now proposing a county-wide bond issue in the sum of not less than One Million Dollars for the purpose of building a system of highways for the entire county to be expended on state designated highways; and

"WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission is desirous of encouraging the further building of hard-surfaced roads on said state designated highways in said Nueces County;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Highway Commission that in consideration of the voters of Nueces County authorizing the issuance of a county bond issue in the sum of not less than One Million Dollars, the State Highway Commission allots and grants to Nueces County Federal Aid not to exceed \$200,000, conditioned, however, upon Congress of the United States making available further Federal Aid as now proposed in measures pending in Congress." Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the following resolution be passed:

"WHEREAS, LAMAR County is now proposing a county-wide bond issue in the sum of not less than a million and a half dollars for the purpose of building a system of highways for the entire county in connection with the Aid that has heretofore been granted by the State Highway Commission in the sum of \$19,000 expended on state designated highways; and

"WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission is desirous of encouraging the further building of hard-surfaced roads on said state designated highways in said LAMAR County;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Highway Commission that in consideration of the voters of Lamar County authorizing the issuance of a county bond issue in the sum of not less than a million and a half dollars, the State Highway Commission allots and grants to Lamar County additional Federal Aid of not less than \$200,000, making the sum total granted out of Federal Aid \$219,000, conditioned, however, upon the Congress of the United States making available further Federal Aid as now proposed in measures pending in Congress." Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the Engineer be instructed to make suitable provisions for a hearing room for the deliberations of the Commission at their monthly meeting in February, eliminating the disturbances. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of TAYLOR County for additional Federal Aid in the sum of \$5076.20 be granted, beginning at Station 165+35 west of Tye, thence westward to Station 778 + 48, and not to exceed fifty per cent of the contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the following resolution be passed with reference to GILLESPIE County:

"WHEREAS, GILLESPIE County is now proposing a county-wide bond issue in the sum of not less than \$125,000 for the purpose of building a system of highways for the entire county in connection with the Aid that has heretofore been granted by the State Highway Commission in the sum of \$32,500, to be expended on state designated highways; and

"WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission is desirous of encouraging the further building of hard-surfaced roads on said state designated highways in Gillespie County;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Highway Commission that in consideration of the voters of Gillespie County authorizing the issuance of a county bond issue in the sum of not less than \$125,000 the State Highway Commission allots and grants to Gillespie County additional Federal Aid of not less than \$100,000, making the sum total granted out of State and Federal Aid \$132,500, conditioned, however, upon the Congress of the United States making available further Federal Aid as now proposed in measures pending in Congress." Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the Commission issue notice to the County Judge and Commissioners' Court of HOPKINS County that Highway Number One from the Arkansas line to Dallas is practically complete with the exception of about ten miles in Road District Number Two in the eastern part of Hopkins County, and that the State Highway Commissioners stand ready to furnish fifty per cent of the cost of construction, and that we request that they make an effort to induce this district to either vote bonds or arrange to raise the money by some other means to complete this road. However, it is the disposition of this Commission that in case the roads are not completed, or the funds are not available from this district, that we withhold the automobile funds of Hopkins County and apply them on the completion of this road, recommending to the County Commissioners and County Judge that they take these funds thus withheld from Road District Number Two. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the Commission issue notice to the County Judge and Commissioners' Court of BOWIE County that Highway Number Five in Bowie County is practically complete with the exception of eight miles in Precinct Number Three in the western part of Bowie County, and that the State Highway Commissioners stand ready to furnish fifty per cent of the cost of construction, and that we request that they make an effort to induce this district to either vote bonds or arrange to raise the money by some other means to complete this road. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that Highway Number TWENTY-THREE be more particularly designated, beginning at Coleman, thence down Highway Number Seven to Santa Anna, thence to Shield, thence south to Brady. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the following resolution be passed:

"WHEREAS, TITUS County is now proposing a county-wide bond issue in the sum of not less than One Million Dollars for the purpose of building a system of highways for the entire county in connection with the Aid that has heretofore been granted by the State Highway Commission in the sum of \$40,125.80 expended on state designated highways; and

"WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission is desirous of encouraging the further building of hard-surfaced roads on said state designated highways in said Titus County;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Highway Commission that in consideration of the voters of Titus County authorizing the issuance of a county bond issue in the sum of not less than One Million Dollars, the State Highway Commission allots and grants to Titus County additional Federal Aid of not less than \$160,000, making the sum total granted out of State and Federal Aid \$200,125.87, conditioned, however, upon the Congress of the United States making available further Federal Aid as now proposed in measures pending in Congress." Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the following resolution with reference to WISE County be passed:

"WHEREAS, it appears that due to the greatly increased traffic over State Highway Number Two between Wichita Falls and Fort Worth, a gravelled surface nine feet wide over the portion of said State Highway Number Two in Wise County (Federal Aid project number 14) is not sufficient; and

"WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission believes it would be unwise to permit the expenditure of State and Federal funds upon the construction of said highway as a nine-foot hard-surfaced road; and

"WHEREAS, to increase the hard surfaced width of this road as is desired by the Commissioners' Court of Wise County, and as is recommended by the State Highway Engineer will entail a material cost of said road; and

"WHEREAS, no additional funds are at present in sight which may be used for widening the hard surface of the aforesaid road;

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Highway Commission does decree and direct that the section of State Highway Number Two in Wise County known as Federal Aid project number 14 shall be constructed as follows:

1st, that the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with the grading of said road and the providing of drainage structures for same as is set forth in the present specifications and contract entered into between J. F. Hamer and the County Commissioners of Wise County.

2nd, that after the grading and drainage structures shall have been completed the State Highway Engineer shall cause the aforesaid road to be provided with a gravel or shell surface sixteen feet wide and a thickness of 8", beginning at the boundary line of Tarrant and Wise Counties, and shall provide said hard surface for the aforesaid road as far northward as the present funds provided for this project will permit." Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that \$50,000 heretofore granted to COLEMAN County shall apply on the construction of Highway Number Seven, beginning at Coleman, thence to the Brown County line, and Highway Number Twenty-three, beginning at Santa Anna, thence to the McCulloch County line. Motion carried. *Federal.*

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the Commission grant a redesignation of Highway Number THREE, beginning at Dunlay, thence to Castroville, thence east on the Castroville-San Antonio Road to Twenty-fourth Street, thence north on Twenty-fourth Street to Commerce Street, thence east on Commerce Street. Motion carried.

Upon motion, the Commission adjourned until January 23rd.

Curtis Hancock
Chairman

Attest:

Geo. G. Suran
State Highway Engineer